



NJ National Guard Child & Youth Program News

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THANK YOU!!!!

April was a very busy month for the NJ National Guard Child & Youth Program. We held many events throughout the month that were all a success. Nicole and I greatly appreciate all the help we received from our volunteers, teens and youth. We also appreciate all the partnerships we now have and the contributions each of you have made to the program and military youth. Because of the support and dedication from you, many youth and teens are happier, healthier and smiling!!!!

Please check out our Facebook page to view many, many pictures from past events.



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!!!
Like us at
NJNGChildandYouthProgram

GIVING BACK on ARMED FORCES DAY**SATURDAY 16 MAY 2015**

WHAT: Community Service
WHO: for National Guard youth/teens ages 11-18
WHEN: 16 May (Armed Forces Day) 7:45am - 3:30pm
WHERE: Memorial Home - Vineland
WHY: The NG Child & Youth Program will provide transportation from 2 locations (1- JMFAC in Bordentown & 2- Cherry Hill Armory) for youth/teens to give back to those who have served our country. We will spend the day working with residents at Memorial Home – Vineland.
SIGN UP: Monday 11 May 2015 by submitting 2 page form. To download form, please go to http://www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/youth/youth_events.html

**NJ NG Youth Camp 2015**

Come out for a week of fun and sun by the beautiful beach in Sea Girt, NJ.
This Camp is a week-long, residential Camp for military youth.

Camp for youth ages 9 – 15 will be held 12-18 July 2015
Counselors ages 16 and up need to be at Camp from 11-18 July 2015

The application deadline this year is Friday May 15. Please apply online and download all required forms before midnight as the site will shut down.

Cost for the week is \$150.00 per youth ages 9-15. Camp shirts, hat, backpack, meals, snacks, programs and materials are provided. You will be notified the middle of June of your acceptance. Only 2 page medical forms as they have been consolidated. Please go to the FORMS tab on the website to download forms. For more information please contact Amanda or Nicole.

Volunteers are welcomed!!!!

To apply today, please visit: <http://www.njngyouthcamp.org/>

HATS OFF to VOLUNTEERS!!!!
CAMP VOLUNTEERS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

**We will hold a Volunteer Banquet for all our
dedicated Camp volunteers on
Friday 15 May at the JMFAC in Bordentown
from 7:00 – 8:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**

RSVP to Amanda no later than 7 May if you plan on attending



NJNG Child and Youth Program

Cordially Invites You to Attend

American Red Cross

**CPR, AED, and First Aid Adult & Infant
2 Year Certification Course**

Date: Sunday June 7, 2015

Time: 9:15 am to 4:00 pm

Location: JMFAC - 1048 US Highway 206 Bordentown, NJ 08505

*Participants must be 14 or older. Please wear comfortable clothes.
There are 24 slots available for Child & Youth volunteers and teens*

MUST BRING OWN LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS (Only 30 minutes for lunch)

Please R.S.V.P. By June 2, 2015

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4-H M.I.C.R.O. Camp

MON 29 JUNE – WED 1 JULY 2015

This Camp is open to military youth ages 10-14
Only 12 slots available.

The Camp will be held at the 4-H Campgrounds
in Branchville, NJ with 2 pick-up/drop-off locations



Youth will participate in MICRO Camp (Make, Imagine, Create, Research, Originate) through programs like Creature Hunt, Crazy Contraptions and Chuck It. Youth will also enjoy the great outdoors in the mountains of Sussex County, NJ and will be able to go boating, hiking, fishing, and swimming. Crafts, singing, campfires, making new friends and having fun are always a part of Camping too!!!

Pre Camp Program will be held Sun 7 Jun from 1:00-4:00pm at the JMFAC in Bordentown (optional)

**There is a 5 page registration packet and \$50.00 deposit required to guarantee attendance.
Deadline for registration paperwork and deposit is Wednesday 3 June 2015**

For more information or to receive the registration packet, please email Amanda Balas at
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Summer Youth Camps

Below are various listings of other summer camp opportunities you or your child/teen may be interested in applying for or attending. Please know these are not NJNG Child & Youth Program Camps; but a listing of camps that might fit for your family or schedule. For more information, please contact the camp or point of contact listed directly.



DoD-USDA Partnership for Military Families Child & Youth Reintegration Support Camps

Information and a listing of camps is now posted. Please visit:

http://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/military-family/dod_usda/2015-military-camps/2015-camps/index.html.

These camps provide fun & safe camping experiences for school-age military connected youth regardless of Branch of Service; build skills so that military connected youth and families are resilient throughout the deployment cycle (including reunion/reintegration); and expand outreach/access for supporting more military connected youth (with special interest in supporting youth and their families that are geographically dispersed).

Camps are open to military connected youth regardless of Branch of Service who have a parent/loved one in any phase of the deployment cycle; priority given to children/youth from geographically dispersed families. The family camps would be especially suited for families with school-age youth that are experiencing reunion/reintegration.

SAVE THE DATE: Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits

Application Dates are TBAPlease monitor the website for updates*** The tentative dates are:

12-17 Jul AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summit Dahlenega, GA

11-16 Aug AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summit Estes Park CO

<http://georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/>

Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits applications should be submitted on the website.

FREE or DISCOUNTED SUMMER CAMPS for MILITARY KIDS Please visit Military.com at

<http://www.military.com/discounts/free-or-discounted-summer-camps-for-military-kids.html?ESRC=discounts.nl#.VPi-OcRXLfg.mailto>

Summer Camps in South Jersey: <http://www.southjerseymom.com/index.php/summer-camps>

Camp Invention: <http://campinvention.org>

National program that list STEM camps for youth entering grades 1-6. Explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) enrichment, motivating a group to develop solutions to real-world problems.

Scholarship Information

If you are high school student looking for scholarship information, please contact Amanda or Nicole via email to receive a listing. Many scholarships have eligibility requirements as well as a set deadline, so please make sure you read all information first before applying.
